

HOUSE RESOLUTION 123

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A RESOLUTION to recognize The Donoho Hotel on the occasion of its 103rd anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to recognize those Tennessee landmarks that have contributed to the enduring legacy of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, one such historic landmark is The Donoho Hotel in Red Boiling Springs, which celebrates its 103rd anniversary on Saturday, April 29, 2017, a milestone occasion in the storied history of this Tennessee treasure; and

WHEREAS, the celebration will include music in the Donoho Entertainment Center, with a lineup that features Winfred Reed and The Hardy Mountain bluegrass band, Terri Lynn Weaver, and Coney Carver and The Rainbow Valley Boys bluegrass band; guests are also invited to sing karaoke, which will be hosted by Gary Vinson; and

WHEREAS, breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served as part of the celebration with space for a symbolic 103 guests, who will pay only three dollars per meal for Southern culinary staples such as biscuits and gravy, catfish, fried chicken, country ham, apple and peach cobbles with ice cream, and banana pudding; and

WHEREAS, the mineral springs at Red Boiling Springs were discovered sometime in the 1830s, and by 1844, a hotel had been constructed to accommodate those visiting the springs; more than two decades later, post-Civil War America experienced a spa resort boom, particularly in mountain towns that boasted such mineral springs, which were thought to possess curative powers; and

WHEREAS, by the early 1900s, Red Boiling Springs had four hotels and approximately one dozen boarding houses. The first iteration of The Donoho Hotel was erected during this time; however, it burned down and was replaced with the current structure in 1914; and

WHEREAS, although it was renovated in the 1950s to provide modern amenities, the hotel still appears much as it did when it was first constructed; it is the last of the great white frame hotels with full-length, two-story verandas and one of only three remaining hotels from this time period in Red Boiling Springs; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, The Donoho Hotel and several outbuildings were added to the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district, a culminating honor most befitting this locale, which hosted many honored guests over the years, most famously President Woodrow Wilson; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, The Donoho Hotel has endured as a symbol of Southern hospitality, and it is fitting that this Tennessee landmark be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize The Donoho Hotel, one of Tennessee's most treasured landmarks, joining with those at the hotel as they celebrate its 103rd year of operation and extending our sincere best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.